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Service Categories

This document describes the service categories for placement of foster children with a Licensed Child Placing Agency ("LCPA"). Each of the following service categories expand on the baseline definition of a "foster family home", which is defined as a home which provides care and supervision on a daily basis to children who are separated from the child's parent, guardian or custodian under the order of a court or for the purposes of placement. All foster parents must complete a minimum 20-hour pre-service training course and a minimum of 10 hours annually of in-service training thereafter. A family can provide care for up to eight children in the home or up to four children under the age of six, including the children for whom the foster parent is a parent, stepparent, guardian or custodian. However, there are exceptions to the number of children that a family can provide care for based on the specific needs of the particular child(ren) being cared for by the family and/or as described in some of the service categories listed below. The Indiana Department of Child Services ("DCS") may grant an exception to the limits on the number of children in the home in order to place siblings together.

The rates paid to LCPAs for foster care services are established based on the type of care provided by the LCPA and the unique needs of each child. The following service definitions serve as general categories for which each LCPA may establish a base rate, if applicable, as stated in **Attachment 1**. Increases above the base rate can be negotiated in the Individual Child Placement Agreement to respond to the needs of a particular child served by a foster family home. As with all other additional or community based services, any mental or behavioral health therapy will be provided for a child in the following categories pursuant to a referral attached to the individual child placement agreement.

Service Category	Service Definition
(1) Traditional/Regular Foster Care	A foster family home which provides care and supervision on a daily basis to children who are separated from the child's parent, guardian or custodian under the order of a court or for the purposes of placement. Foster parents must complete a minimum 20-hour pre-service training course and 10 hours annually of in-service training thereafter. A family can provide care for up to eight children in the home or up to four children under the age of six, including the children for whom the foster parent is a parent, stepparent, guardian, or custodian. DCS may grant an exception to the limits on the number of children in the home in order to place siblings together.

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(2) Special Needs Foster Care	<p>A foster family home that provides care for a child who has a mild to moderate mental, physical, or emotional disability; who requires additional supervision or assistance in behavior management, activities of daily living or management of medical problems; and who receives treatment through an integrated array of services supervised and supported by qualified program staff from a licensed child placing agency. In addition to meeting the training requirements for regular foster homes, special needs foster parents are required to participate in 10 additional hours of pre-service and in-service training in special needs foster care. A family can provide care to up to eight children in the home depending upon the specific needs of the children, although no more than four children may be under the age of six. These totals include the children for whom the provider is a parent, custodian or guardian. The LCPA provides services to the foster family and child to permit the child to remain in the least restrictive, most family-like setting possible that meets the child's special needs.</p>
(3) Therapeutic Foster Care	<p>A therapeutic foster family home that provides care to a child who is seriously emotionally disturbed or developmentally disabled, in which the child receives treatment through an integrated array of services supervised and supported by qualified program staff from a licensed child placing agency. Therapeutic foster care provides for more continuous monitoring and more intensive services designed to meet the unique needs of the child. In addition to meeting the training requirements for regular foster homes, the foster parents are required to participate in 10 additional hours of pre-service and in-service training in therapeutic foster care. A therapeutic foster family may provide care to no more than two foster children at the same time, excluding the children for whom the provider is a parent, custodian or guardian. DCS may grant an exception to this requirement whenever the placement of siblings in the same therapeutic foster home is desirable or in the best interests of foster children residing in the foster home.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">(4) Medically Fragile (Medical Needs)</p>	<p>A special needs foster family home that provides an alternative to hospital, nursing home or institutional care for a child with ongoing medical needs requiring daily care and frequent medical/physical appointments. Special medical needs foster family homes may require home adaptations and home nursing care services. Specialized medical needs may require additional negotiated rate. A family can provide care for no more than 2 medically fragile foster children, unless an exception is granted by the DCS.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">(5) Special Needs Foster Care for Pregnant Teen, Mother and Baby</p>	<p>A special needs foster family home that provides the least restrictive setting for a pregnant or parenting teen with behavioral, emotional, educational and/or mental health problems. Mother and baby reside in same foster home to promote bonding. If the baby is adjudicated as a ward of the State, DCS will pay for two rates – one for the teenager with special needs, and one for the baby according to the appropriate service category for the baby . If the baby is not a ward, DCS will pay one combined rate for the teenager.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">(6) Therapeutic Foster Care for Pregnant Teen, Mother and Baby</p>	<p>A therapeutic foster family home that provides the least restrictive setting for a pregnant or parenting teen with significant behavioral, emotional, educational and mental health problems. Mother and baby reside in the same foster home to promote bonding. If the baby is adjudicated as a ward of the State, DCS will pay for two rates – one for the teenager in need of therapeutic care and one for the baby according to the appropriate service category for the baby. If the baby is not a ward, DCS will pay one combined rate for the teenager.</p>

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(7) Specialized Foster Care for Sexually Maladaptive Youth	A special needs or therapeutic foster family based alternative to residential and group care for sexually maladaptive youth with severe behavioral, emotional, educational and mental health problems. The youth require continuous monitoring and intensive wrap around services. The youth require a risk management plan for their supervision and care in the foster home and community. A family can provide care for no more than 2 sexually maladaptive youth, unless an exception is granted by the DCS. Identified youth must have separate bedrooms.
(8) Transitional Living	A community-based alternative for youth, between the ages of 17 years and 6 months and 20 years unless an age exception is granted, who have a Case Plan Goal of Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement ("APPLA"). Youth may live in semi-supervised apartments, their own apartments, subsidized housing or scattered-site apartments and must be managed by staff from a Licensed Child Placing Agency.
(9) Emergency Foster Care	Foster care for emergency placement of a child in a foster family home with less than one full business day notice, or any placement that occurs on weekends, state holidays or after 5:00 p.m. After an Emergency Placement, Contractor and DCS or the Placing Agency shall jointly review the proposed referral within 7 days to determine the child's need for further placement.

NOTE: Each sibling will be assessed utilizing the service definition categories outlined above, as each sibling will have distinct needs.